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SUBJ: AMIR OF QATAR'S INTERVIEW WITH "LE MONDE"

1. EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW OF THE AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, WITH "LE MONDE" APPEARED IN QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" ON JUNE 25. AMIR STATED HIS FAMILIAR VIEWS ON MID EAST AND GULF, AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

2. IN REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUESTION ON POSSIBILITY OF NEW OIL EMBARGO SHOULD THERE BE RECOMMENCEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND US INTERVENTION THREATS SHOULD SUCH EMBARGO BE IMPOSED, AMIR REPLIED HE HOPED ARABS WILL NOT BE COMPELLED TO USE OIL WEAPON AGAIN. HE ASSERTED DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND PRODUCERS "DID NOT WANT TO DEPRIVE WORLD OF OIL". HOWEVER, ACCORDING AMIR, OTHER COUNTRIES MUST APPRECIATE ARAB CAUSE AS A JUST ONE. SPECIFICALLY RE THREATENED US INTERVENTION, AMIR SAID
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SUCH THREATS CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OIL

PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. HE STRESSED THAT
NEGOTIATIONS MUST SUBSTITUTE FOR CONFRONTATION.

3. RE ROLE OF FRANCE IN GULF AREA, AMIR NOTED POSSIBILITIES
OF COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. HE
SAID FRANCE COULD PLAY KEY ROLE IN CONSOLIDATING RELATIONS
BETWEEN GULF STATE AND EUROPEANS AND IN EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

AS WELL. HE EXPRESSED SPECIFIC APPRECIATION FOR FRANCE'S
EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE VIEWPOINTS OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS AT
APRIL PREPCON IN PARIS.
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